Statement

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the bulk drug	Period	
	Upto 31-12-1983	1-1-1984 onwards
Baralgon Ketone	1746.40	3148.63
Frusemide	234.38	601.42
Pheniramine Maleate	339.57	584.09
P.M.T. (Pyrolidine Methyl Tetracycline)	164.21	63.68
Glybenclamide	6.49	891.94
	2491.05	5289.76
GRAND TOTAL	Rs. 7780.81 lakhs	

Names of formulators of Cefotaxim

414. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :
SHRI R.R. SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to starred question 401 given in Rajya Sabha on 19th Dec. 1991 and state :

(a) what are the names of formulators of Cefotaxim ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a big disparity in the import price of Cefotaxim imported by M/s. Hoechst, M/s. Roussel Axis on the one hand and by others on the other hand ;

(c) what is the imported price taken by each in the break up submitted by each company to Government ;

(d) whether Government have verified the import price of each and if, the details of disparity found ;

(e) whether involvement of his department is suspected for this systematic over-invoicing of imports, invisible, foreign exchange outgo and high prices of formulation; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) To the extent information is available, the following companies are marketing formulations based on Cefotaxim :

1. M/s Hoechst
2. M/s Roussel
3. M/s Alidac
4. M/s Biochem

(b) to (d) . The information will be collected and laid on the table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Reduction in the prices of Analgin

415. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 3046 given in Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Analgin was reduced to Rs. 280 per Kg. on 1st June, 1990 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices of formulations were never reduced for over a year ;

(c) whether it is a fact that this was done to give benefit of over Rs. crores to the formulators and the major beneficiary was M/s. Hoechst;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed and the steps taken to recover the amount ; and

(e) what is the current price of Analgin when it was notified and when were the formulation prices based on this drug announced and what are they at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d). While answering Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.652 on 5-9-1991 and another Unstarred Question No. 1324 on 5-12-1991, it was clarified that DICP had pointed out certain anomalies and sought clarifications thereon from the Department which were sorted out subsequently. In the meantime, the price of bulk drug Analgin was revised upwards by the Government. The revised price is higher than the pre-reduced price.

(e) The current price of Analgin, which was notified on 25-9-1991 is Rs. 296/- per Kg. The prices of formulations based on revised price of bulk drug have not been fixed so far. The prevailing prices are based on bulk drug price of Rs. 280/- per kg.

Ommissions and commissions of BICP

416. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3064 given in Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ommissions and commissions have been committed during the last five years by the BICP to give undue benefit to the producers at the cost of the consumer ;

(b) if so, the details of instances came to the notice of Government ;

(c) whether it is a fact that BICP reports have been kept outside the purview of C & AG ;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to include the same ;

(e) whether any steps have been taken to review, investigate the work of the BICP and to verify all the adhoc decisions taken in the part three years ; and

(f) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a), (b), (c) and (f). The prices of bulk drugs are fixed by this Ministry on the basis of cost-cum-technical studies conducted by BICP and their detailed examination in this Deptt. The BICP reports are inputs for the decision making process of price fixation and are confidential in nature. Where considered necessary, clarifications on the cost-cum-technical study are